AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 7, lines 1 – 5, as follows:

(i) mixing of at least one tetraalkylammonium halide, preferably characterized in that the alkyl groups contain independently from each other from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, with at least one metal tetrafluoroborate, preferably an alkali metal tetrafluoroborate, and preferably in a tetraalkylammonium halide:metal tetrafluoroborate molar ratio of from 2:1 to 1:5, in at least one organic solvent, preferably at least one organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of nitrites, dinitriles, alkyl carbonates, alkylene carbonates, and lactones which is partially or completely miscible with water, wherein said mixing is preferably carried out at a temperature of from -50 °C to +240 °C.

~~or a process as defined in any of claims 2 to 8.~~ In certain preferred embodiments, the organic solvent is acetonitrile, 1,2-propylene carbonate or γ-butyrolactone and that 1 to 4 of the alkyl groups of the at least one tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate are ethyl groups. In certain preferred embodiments, the method further comprises at least one of the following reaction steps: (ii) separation of metal halide; and (ii) drying. In certain preferred embodiments, the electrolytes produced by this method are characterized in that said compositions are noncorrosive in electrochemical cells or capacitors.